

**Suffolk-Nansemond Historical Society**

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Dear Member:

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Our next meeting will be a dinner meeting, Tuesday evening, January 22, 1985. It will be held at the Suffolk Holiday Inn, probably starting with a reception at 6:30 and dinner at 7:30. We are pleased that former Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr. has accepted an invitation to be our speaker. I think it is important that we, as a society, get to know each other and show our support for and interest in a strong Historical Society.

You will be mailed a reservation form in early January - please plan to attend!

We had a very satisfactory Candlelight Tour on December 2. It was successful both monetarily and as a community service. The Committee presented a well organized affair and provided the ticket purchasers with their money's worth. We had four attractive homes plus refreshments and music at Riddick's Folly. Congratulations and thanks to those who were involved. It was an event in which we can all take a lot of pride.

Lynn Rose and her committee are making excellent progress in their preparation of reference material for genealogy studies. As a start on our library, we have secured the following: Ballard, Sumner, Baker and Norsworthy families of Virginia and North Carolina given by Alvah Wilcox; Turner cousins of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, genealogy of Lewis Turner, and Captain Henry P. Howell, Isle of Wight, from Miss Anna Good Turner. We have also received for our library Godey's Lady's book, Volume XLV - 1852 from Joanne Hunter.

The Executive Committee met on Friday, December 14 to receive a report on the tour, approve plans for the January dinner and discuss other Society affairs.

As you know, we had committed a \$2,000.00 donation to Riddick's Folly for this year. Because of our very successful tour, we are giving them this amount plus the table provided for their auction. This total amount is approximately \$2,270.00.

Our long time member, Robert Hardy, would like to invite the membership to attend the Seventh Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet Saturday, January 26 at Planters Club. The speaker will be Dr. James I. Robertson, an authority on the war between the states. Social hour begins at 5 PM with dinner at 6 PM. Cost is \$8.25. Make checks payable to Suffolk Civil War Round Table and mail to Robert at 5085 Indian Trail, Suffolk, Virginia, 23434 or call 539-1361 by January 14.

Robert is also seeking information on the Thirteenth Calvary for the Virginia Regimental Historical Series. The Confederate Unit included companies from Suffolk, Nansemond, Southampton, Surry, Prince George, and Petersburg. Any information such as letters, diaries, etc. should be transmitted to Daniel T. Balfour, The Virginia Building, One North Fifth Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23219.

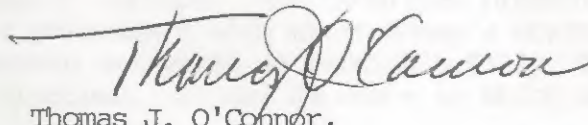
Our Historical Picture display at the Harvest Festival was a great success. Thanks to all who helped, especially Joe Wiseman of Hamblin's Studio and John Taylor who served as Chairman.

We have signed up the following new members: Mr. Joseph Wiseman, Rev. and Mrs. James H. Newsome, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Williams, Mrs. Mary H. Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Horton and Miss Diana N. Horton.

In the haste to get this letter out, I have probably overlooked many items but will cover them in the next.

It bears repeating - I am proud of the way the membership has responded to our activities. By doing so, I think Suffolk is becoming more and more aware that a vigorous Historical Society is a very definite community asset.

Yours very truly,

  
Thomas J. O'Connor,  
President

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